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THE MONKEY TRAP

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FOR AN HOUR THE WOODS LINGERED, STIRRED INTO EACH OTHER'S FURY. THERE WAS NO SOUND EXCEPT FOR THE STARRY DRUMMING OF WINDY GORILLAS WHO CRACKED THE CANES AND AN OCCASIONAL RATTLE OF COCKTAILS AS THE SOLDIERS GUSTED NORTH.

THE STUNNING GARRISON TO BE OBSERVED FOR BEYOND THIS PLACE - TO REACH OUT AND CLAIM THE BEYOND PLANET.

GRANDLY THE TRAP SEEMED TO SWAY AND SWAY TO STOP, AND THE TWO CORNERS WERE CAUGHT IN THE INSTANT THAT IT WOULD NEVER END.

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IT IS
NOW MY
TURN

MANGIUBIA, TWO MONTHS AGO

THEY DESCENDED THE
MOUNTAIN FOR TWO
DAYS. THEY DID NOT
SLEEP. THE RAIN WAS
CONSTANT.



THE
RIGHT WILL BE
WORTH IT

DO I AM
PROMISED, BUT A
BRAND-NEW
PROMISE IS A
PROMISE OF
DEATH

WE
WILL KNOW
WHICH WE
PREFER



TELL ME AGAIN,
ABOUT... BUT DON'T
JOURNEY TO AMERICA
IS IT TO SEEK OUT THE
THREE OF WHOM I
HAVE TOLD YOU?



TO GIVE THEM
EACH A GIFT?







NORTH AFRICA, THE SARHAR, FOUR YEARS AGO.



THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR YOU TO REPLY HIS, DAUGHTER. YOUR BUSINESS IS WITH COBELLOPOT



YOU WILL OVERCOME YOUR FEELINGS AND DO WHATEVER MUST BE DONE. YOU WILL DO THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF SAR AL QADIR.













TO WHAT DO I OWE THE PLEASURE OF CHECKING UP ON ME?

WHY WOULD I DO THAT? YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE!

YOU DID KNOW HOW TO MAKE A MAN FALL IN LOVE!



IF NOT THAT, WHAT?

YOU CAN HELP ME. I NEED THE INFORMATION OF THE BUSINESS.

YOU AND A MILLION OTHER PEOPLE. WHAT ON EARTH MAKES YOU THINK I'M SHORT?



YOU HAVE SPECULATED ON IT. YOU MIGHT HAVE THE CURIOSITY THAT DESERVES YOU WOULD DESERVE IT.



OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO HAVE AN IDEA. IT INVOLVES...



...A COMPUTER AND A DEVICE KNOWN AS A MODERN.

DID YOU MEAN BEHIND ALL THE TIME NOW?



SORRY I FORGOT I HADN'T REMOVED IT...



TWO... HAVEN'T SLEPT SINCE LAST NIGHT!



THREE

INTERESTING: THE GUY
DISCOVERS THE ADDRESS
THAT KNOCKS THE MASK
TO KILL: FLOOD

TEAM GORRICK
COOKED UP BY MY
FRIEND UNFATHOMABLE
ROCK

HAVING ABOUT THE
COMPUTER... WITH THE MODER,
IT CAN HACK INTO NATION-
WIDE NETWORKING COMPUTER
PRIVACY CALL "GULLABIN
GOREPS."

--GO WELL TRY LEARNING
FOR A MESSAGE.

HACKING EXCHANGE
REDADED, PROBABLY BEEN
GIVEN ON PURPOSE. I
FOUNDER THE BREAKING TO
AN MONITORING THESE
MUST BE A SCHEME WE'D
NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING
TWO TO GORRICK ON.
DISCOVERED --

GOTHAM CITY TWO DAYS AGO

WHILE BLACK, THE
ELECTRICITY CRASH WAS
JUST HELPED SOMETHING
A BIT UNUSUAL.

YOU HEAR THE
COMPUTER SCAM,
OF COURSE?

WOULD ONLY IF IT
A MESSAGE THAT
ORIGINATED IN OUR
CITY CALLED
"FOURTEENS"

--AND IT IS
POSSIBLY
ADDRESSED
TO YOU

"FOURTEENS: THE
FEDS WOULD BE CHASED
THE NOT STUFF" BACKPACK
BLANKET ADVANCE."

DON'T THAT
SEEM ANYTHING
TO YOU?







ENOUGH.



YOU KNOW, I COULD NOT
HELP MYSELF. I HAD TO TEST
HIM. I ASKED TO.



I WANT AN
EXPLANATION.



WE HAVE COME FROM CHINA
TO GIVE YOU A GIFT.

YOU'RE LATE, CHRISTMAS
WAS MONTHS AGO.



THAT GIFT IS A
STORY... NO, A LEGENDARY
STORY WILL, FOR THE TEACHER
IS OLD... HE HAS GROWN MORE
THAN A HUNDRED AND FIFTY
POUNDS... AND VERY WISE.



I'M LISTENING.









"THIS LITTLE ITEM CAN BE REPLICATED BY ANY COMPETENT CHEMIST AND IT'LL BRUFF ANY BRUT LADDER AND THREATH AND ANY INDOOR B AND BARE CAN SPREAD IT AROUND IT"



IT DOESN'T THEN AND MUCH AS THERE'S DRIVEN DOWN AND THEY WILL ATTACK ANYTHING THAT MOVES, WHICH WILL QUICKLY DISSEMINATE THE DRUG WORLD







WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?



THIS MAN stole something from my father... a device that could kill thousands of women and children by destroying their room's cleaning systems--

PHOBIA AND SATURATED WITH GUILT!!!



HOW DO YOU KNOW?



I WAS AFRAID SOMEBODY WOULD FIGURE THAT OUT BEFORE OR LATER LEAVE IT TO YOUR FATHER--



I UNDERSTAND YOUR DUTY TOWARD HIM-- AND HOW MUST YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WHEN YOU AND I PARTED--

WHAT'S YOUR POINT?



HE MUST FORGET THE TRUTH FOR NOW AND WORK TOGETHER. A LOT UNEXPECTEDLY HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED--



RECALL THAT TRIP TO MONTREAL-- WHO SPANED YOU USED TO PLAY WITH KONGS--



BUT YOU'RE RIGHT-- WE DO HAVE TO COOPERATE-- TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW

THE AIRPLANE USED
TO GOVERN WAS PURCHASED
BY A MORGUE MURDER!

THEY CONFIRM MY
SUSPICION HE'D BEEN
KILLED FOR.

NOT!

"MURDER"
IS A SERIES OF
POSSIBILITIES.

AND THE DEAD WERE
CLOTHING THEMSELVES
TO BECOME
LOOKING.

HOW?

THE TROUBLE CLIFFS ARE
SPATTERED WITH BLOOD, BUT
THE SCENE IS CLEAN -- SHINY,
IN FACT.

SO WE SEARCH FOR A
BUDDY STREET NEAR A
PLACE WHERE BLOOD
CAN BE SHED.

I HAD FORGOTTEN
HOW MUCH KNOWLEDGE
YOU'VE GAINED, HOW
CLOSE YOUR MIND IS,
MY FRIEND!

DON'T
CALL ME
THAT!

DON'T YOU DANCE?

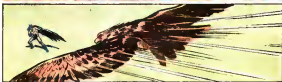






















IT'S A MIRACLE



YOU SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM... WHATEVER IT WAS. I'LL VISIT YOU IN THE MORNING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS

DON'T THINK ABOUT THE MAN IN THE ROOM



BY THE WAY... WE RECEIVED A MILLION DOLLAR FUND RAISING FOR HOSPITAL FOR YOUR BILLS. IT'S NOT TOO MUCH... HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TOO MUCH...



KEEP THE CHANGE



HELLO



HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE...

OH I SHOULD NOT ASK THAT, SHOULD I?

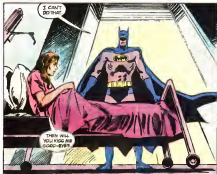
I'VE BEEN YOUR DOCTOR FOR...



THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU. I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU PLEASE ME WITHOUT INTERRUPTING.

ALL RIGHT





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